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May 15, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
455 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation

**In the Matter of Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer
Protection and Competition Act of 1992: Development of Competition and
Diversity in Video Programming Distribution: Section 628(c)(5) of the
Communications Act**

CS Docket No. 01-290

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 14, 2002, Lisa Rosenblum, Lee Schroeder, and Michael Olsen of Cablevision Systems Corporation, together with Christopher Harvie and the undersigned of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, met with W. Kenneth Ferree, Deborah Klein, William Johnson, Mary Beth Murphy and Steven Broeckaert of the Media Bureau in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.


The matters we discussed are addressed in Cablevision's written and reply comments submitted in this proceeding, which urge the Commission not to reimpose exclusivity restriction set forth in section 628(c)(2)(D) of the Communications Act. We explained that the restriction was no longer "necessary" in light of the growth and viability of DBS and other multichannel video programming distributors. We also noted the role of exclusivity in facilitating competition among distributors and programming diversity.

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Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice has been filed electronically with the Secretary's office. Copies have also been transmitted electronically to the Commission participants in the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard J. Symons", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Howard J. Symons

cc: W. Kenneth Ferree
Deborah Klein
William Johnson
Mary Beth Murphy
Steven Broeckaert